

**REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2006, and the references cited therewith.

No claims are amended, claims 5, 7-10, 12 and 17-30 are canceled; as a result, claims 1-4, 6, 11 and 13-16 are now pending in this application.

**§103 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 17, 18, 23 and 25-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai et al. (US 20020000359 A1) in view of Graves et al. (US 2002/0079353 A1).

Claims 17, 18, 23 and 25-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai et al. (US 20020000359 A1) in view of Sabotke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,737,834).

Claims 17, 18, 23 and 25-30 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections is respectfully requested.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-4, 6, 11 and 13-16 were allowed.

### CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

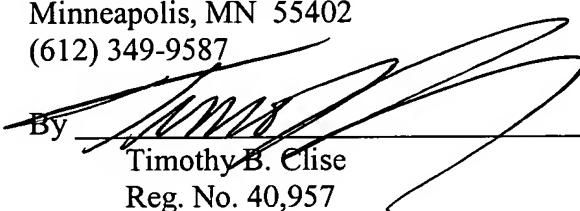
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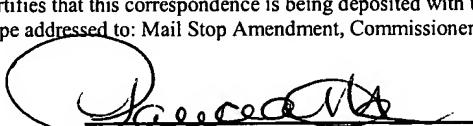
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